STATE OF WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECALL OF SENATOR RANDY HOPPER, EIGHTEENTH STATE SENATE DISTRICT

CERTIFICATE OF SUFFICIENCY AND ORDER

- I, Kevin J. Kennedy, Director and General Counsel of the Government Accountability Board ("Board"), pursuant to §9.10(3)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, certify that:
- 1. On April 7, 2011, a petition to recall State Senator Randy Hopper, from the office of State Senator representing the 18th Senate District, was offered for filing with the Board pursuant to Article XIII, Section 12 of the Wisconsin Constitution and §9.10 of the Wisconsin Statutes.
- 2. A minimum of 15,269 signatures of qualified electors of the 18th State Senate District are required for the Board to file the petition and order a recall election.
- 3. On April 8, 2011, Dane County Circuit Judge John W. Markson extended the deadline for filing a challenge to the sufficiency of the petition to April 21, 2011, the deadline for rebuttals to challenges to April 28, 2011, and the deadline for certification of the petition by the Board to June 3, 2011.
- 4. On April 21, 2011, Senator Hopper filed a challenge to the sufficiency of the petition. The petitioner filed a rebuttal to the challenge on April 26, 2011. Senator Hopper filed a reply to the rebuttal on April 28, 2011.
- 5. On May 23, 2011, the Board held a public meeting to review the staff examination of the recall petition and to review the challenge, rebuttal and reply.
- 6. Based on a careful examination of the recall petition conducted by the Board, including a review of the challenge, the rebuttal, and the reply, the Board found that the petition to recall Senator Randy Hopper contained 22,953 qualifying signatures of electors of the 18th State Senate District and, based on that finding, certified that the petition is sufficient to recall Senator Randy Hopper and order a recall election.
- 7. In making its determination, the Board specifically adopted and approved the legal analysis and conclusions outlined in the staff memorandum dated May 23, 2011, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Board specifically found that the individual petitioner, Scott Dillman, completed the registration statement required pursuant to §9.10(2)(d), Wis. Stats., because he had appended the Statement of Intent to Circulate

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Recall Petition as a supplement to the GAB-1 Campaign Finance Registration Statement filed by the Committee to Recall Hopper.

- 8. The Board hereby files the petition pursuant to §9.10(3)(b), Wis. Stats., and a recall election is ordered this 3rd day of June, 2011.
- 9. The recall election shall be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011. If a primary is necessary, the primary shall be held on that date and the recall election shall be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.
- 10. Persons seeking nomination for the recall election may circulate nomination papers immediately upon issuance of this order, and shall file nomination papers containing a minimum of 400 and maximum of 800 signatures of qualified electors of the 18th State Senate District no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, in the offices of the Government Accountability Board, located at 212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor, Madison, Wisconsin.
- 10. Randy Hopper shall be a candidate at the recall election without nomination unless he resigns from office not later than June 13, 2011.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2011 at Madison, Wisconsin

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